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Applicant : James W. Forbes
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For : CENTER BEAM CAR WITH DEEP UPPER BEAM STRUCTURE
T.C./A.U. : 3612
Examiner : Stephen T. Gordon

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, and is timely filed to meet the due date for response of December 22, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification - begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this response.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and Association of American Railroads – Safety and Operations – AAR Open Top Loading Rules Manual, Section No. 5, Rules for Loading Forest Products and Miscellaneous Building Materials, pages 73-82 and figure 75, referred to in the Remarks/Arguments are attached following page 13 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-13450.

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